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NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

—Rev. S. W. Duffield has gone to Point Pleasant, where it is hoped he will rapidly improve.

—Those who object to a "lively" Fourth will have their revenge on New Year's Day—that time dedicated to stupidity, when one dares neither to go out of doors or stay at home.

—The death of the wife of Frank Zeigebel, a German living on Upper Broad street, occurred on Tuesday morning. The case is a sad one since it deprives a family of seven small children of a mother's care.

—Mr. Charles Berstecher, a young man residing with his family in Canal street, died quite suddenly Sunday afternoon, July 4th, of heart disease. He had been ill for a short time but was able to be about the house.

—The much-wronged-over bell of the Old church was not rung till a late hour on the Fourth. It is said that attempts were made to enter the church on Saturday and Sunday nights but a watch had been set and these efforts were unavailing.

—One Bloomfield merchant sold a thousand quarts of ice cream in one day last week. Taking it for granted that all the other vendors of this seductive semi-solid did as well, every man, woman, child and baby must have averaged over a pint.

—Firecrackers were distributed to the small boys who could not buy any, by the Truck Company. One boy was seen coming along with some and being told it was very generous on the part of the gentlemen, he said: "You bet! I have already sold two packs for five cents apiece." Fifty here is stronger than patriotism even in a small boy sometimes.

—Some young gentlemen from town are spending their vacation at Greenwood Lake. The party consists of Messrs. David and George Oakes, Leonard and Ledyard Haskell, John Pearson, Bentley Hulin and James Close. Their camp is located near the foot of the lake. A few of the party prefer spending their nights at a farm house in the vicinity. They took their canoes with them, and intend to row and fish at pleasure.

—The hot weather seems to have discomfited the larvae of the elm beetle. They may be seen on every tree, crawling down the trunk to the ground. The device for stopping their downward career by a twisted band of hay, treated with printing ink, they regard with indifference. Many trees, from the depositions of these pests, seem to be already ruined in foliage, and look as though a hard frost had touched them.

—On the Fourth the usual salutes were fired by the Bloomfield Battery; there was a sedate ringing of bells and a beautiful display of fireworks from the fire tower in the evening. So that as regards noise and phiz there was a very successful public display. There is a difference of opinion about the way to celebrate the National Holiday but we may rest assured that till the "boys" of from five to fifty become extinct, powder and noise are going to be the main elements. Those who do not like the prospect might as well emigrate now as later.

—Messrs. Willard and Leonard Richards provided their usual fine pyrotechnic display on the evening of the Fourth. These gentlemen of late years have revived the old reputation of Franklin Hill, in the matter of a vigorous Fourth of July celebration, which was given it in old times by Mr. Warner, the grandfather of Mrs. Dr. Bailey, Mr. E. C. Adams and Mr. Henry Richards, who for one day in the year were regarded as species of duties by the youngsters of the neighborhood. It seems as though their manliness had fallen upon worthy successors whose celebrations surpass in noise, smoke, brilliancy and enthusiasm those of former times.

—Some enterprising gentlemen are busy organizing a new party to control local politics. Acting upon the theory that as the Republican majority last fall was only twenty, a party of twenty-one will hold the balance of power, they pro-

pose to cast themselves into the breach and sit down upon whichever side pays the best dividends. The motto of the party is "Agitation." Each member carries a small spoon, which is to be used in stirring things up. Anyone wishing to unite with this new party has only to procure a spoon, and talk and vote against everything proposed by the machine politicians. When the "agitators" have swept the board, the spoons will be useful in disposing of the "pap." Let the old parties beware!

—Soon after one o'clock Wednesday afternoon smoke was seen issuing from the roof of Hiram Van Gieson's house, on Watessing avenue near the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad station, Watessing. Word was sent to Active Hose Company No. 2, and in a few minutes an alarm was given from the bell tower in Bloomfield, and Essex Hook and Ladder Truck Company, Phoenix Hose Company and Excelsior Hose Company were soon on hand. Prospect Hose Company from East Orange, was also present and several streams were pouring into the upper story. The furniture was nearly all removed. The damage by fire was confined to the upper story, but the whole building was damaged by water.

Board of Education.

At the regular meeting of the School Board held on Tuesday evening, the annual report of the District Clerk, Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin, was read and adopted by the Board. Three hundred copies were ordered printed for distribution at the annual meeting. On motion it was voted that a grade of seventy in Arithmetic be required to secure promotion. The rule as formerly adopted was that an average grade of seventy was sufficient. Heretofore there has been a tendency in certain classes to promote every member of the class, and in consequence pupils have been put forward who were not really entitled to promotion. Pupils thus advanced finding themselves unable to do the work, either fall out of school, when otherwise they would probably remain, or become a great hindrance to the work of the class. Such pupils are almost always found deficient in Arithmetic. As this is about the only strictly disciplinary study in the Grammar department it has been thought well to require hereafter a standing of seventy in this branch to entitle to promotion. Such a requirement serves to emphasize the importance of thoroughness in the study, and will tend largely to relieve the difficulty.

The appointments of the teachers were made in June and the larger number of the old teachers will remain in the school. A special school meeting to determine the amount of District school tax to be raised the coming year, is to be called Monday evening, July 19th. The Trustees recommend that the District raise \$8,500 for current expenses and \$3,000 for payment upon the mortgage, indebtedness. This amount is \$500 less than was voted last year.

The Building Committee were authorized to make repairs in accordance with a written report presented by them to an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

Essex County Teachers

ON THEIR WAY TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. Principals Spaulding, of Montclair; Davey, of East Orange, and Taylor of Newark, well known to the teachers of Essex county as Supt. Davis's lieutenants in examining candidates for teachers' certificates, started on Thursday for Topeka, Kansas, to attend the National Teachers' Association, which will be held there next week. At its close they will go to Denver, Leadville and other parts of the Rockies, returning East in time to assume their duties as Examiners and Principals. Each one takes his camera and other photographic apparatus with him, to capture interesting points in those regions. Essex county will be well represented at the Convention; Supt. Barringer, of Newark, several of his principals, and a number of teachers outside the cities being on the way there.

Among these are Miss Jennie C. Davis, teacher in St. Mark's, West Orange, and Miss Marie L. Peterson, of East Orange, who left here last Monday, taking Niagara, Chicago and other places of interest, on the way. The railroads are offering various inducements to teachers, giving excursion tickets for the fare one way, and allowing the travellers to stop over all along the road. Every year the number of conventions and institutes held during the summer vacation is increasing, and the number of teachers who attend them has become very large. The State of Connecticut has taken a step in advance of all others this year, in offering all its teachers a two weeks institute without charge. The railroads sell excursion tickets for the fare one way. Never before has so much attention been given by teachers to the work of professional training and improvement.

Township Committee.

Considerable routine business was done by the Committee at their meeting on Wednesday evening. A petition for a sidewalk on Ridgewood avenue from the D. L. & W. R. R. bridge to Bloomfield avenue was referred to the Sidewalk Committee. A resolution was adopted offering a rebate of two per cent on all taxes paid before October first, and one per cent on all taxes paid between Oct. first and nineteenth inclusive.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Orange Water Company to extend their pipes along Montgomery street east of the canal, and erect three hydrants at points to be designated. The Road Committee were authorized to advertise for proposals for the grading of Broad street 2,600 lineal feet north of Belleville Ave., and also for the laying of a stone pavement twenty feet wide and six inches deep.

Complaints were received of the use of the canal for bathing purposes, causing annoyance to the people living in its vicinity.

The Police Committee were authorized to post circulars forbidding such use of the canal, and, if necessary, to cause the arrest of parties violating this ordinance of the Committee. A note was made for discount to meet bills immediately falling due.

Fourth of July Services.

Special services commemorative of Independence day were held in the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. In this the Baptist, Westminster and First church united. A choir made up from the three congregations sang appropriate choruses under the direction of Mr. Norman, the instructor of the singers in the old church. The desk and platform were decorated with flags and flowers. The various town organizations attended the church in a body. These included the veterans, and members of the fire companies, who occupied seats in the middle aisle near the pulpit.

The address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Simons of the Baptist church. Taking for his subject *Premature Boasting*, and for his text, 1st Kings 20: 11. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself: he shall not be proud." He gave the explanation, justification, and application of the subject to the circumstances of the present day. Numerous instances of premature boasting were given, with their untoward results.

In closing, the speaker referred to the unprotected state of our land, whose fortifications are not sufficient to defend us from the powerful navies of England and France, or even the smaller powers of Europe. Mention was made of the complication likely to arise from the opening of the Panama canal, which will surely be built, and that our weakness may cause the Monroe Doctrine to vanish into thin air.

The Republic of France was commended for the expulsion of the French princes. While we talk of the evils of anarchism, and plots against the Government, France acts.

The despotism of organizations of workmen which interfere with the free employment of labor was strongly condemned. Many of the speaker's references to the last war were received with deep interest, and he was rewarded throughout by the earnest attention of his audience.

The Methodist congregation held services in their own house, because of a previous engagement of the Rev. Mr. Little to deliver a patriotic address. The Rev. Mr. Ballantine preached an eloquent sermon in the morning from Luke 12: 48—"For unto whom much is given, of him shall be much required."

From a statement of the vast resources of our country, the preacher argued that the greater responsibility for good citizenship rested upon each individual citizen.

A Large Picnic.

Some 200 people spent the afternoon of July 5th at a picnic upon the grounds adjoining the Morris saw mill. These embraced the various families making up what is known as the Morris neighborhood with their friends from the village and not a few strangers. Dinner was served at one o'clock, after which the afternoon was spent in the usual way beneath the trees. About four o'clock the company gathered around a clump of buttonwoods, in which a platform had been built, and listened to short addresses from the Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Dr. V. L. Lockwood and Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin. Music followed and an hour was spent in singing the old songs.

Later on supper was served, after which the company broke up into smaller groups, which continued the merry-making far into the evening.

Among those present from out of town were, Mr. Moses M. Bradley, Mr. Geo. H. Hulin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Norman. The others present might be conveniently described as representing the

Waris, Oakes, Cooks, Broughtons, Stubbarts, Bowrons, Ventres, Earls, Jones, Bliss, Ballantines, Bennetts, Wildes, Peloubets, Lockwoods, Baldwins, Wymans, Walkers, Morrises, Crovells, Hulins, Freemans, Thomases, Benjamins, Eddys, Haskells and Davises.

It was said that it is 28 years since such a picnic has been held; but few were ready to volunteer reminiscences. All spent a most enjoyable and profitable afternoon.

Reminiscences.

FOURTH OF JULY IN THE MORRIS NEIGHBORHOOD THIRTY YEARS AGO.

To The Citizen:

The recent social gathering of about twenty Bloomfield families in the grove above Morris place for an out-door celebration of our National Holiday will no doubt be "written up" for your columns, but I nevertheless offer some reminiscences brought to mind by the event. It was a revival of an old custom that we hope will now be kept up from year to year.

If I am correct, the last Fourth of July picnic of the Morris family took place a year or two preceding the Civil War, and upon the same spot where so many enjoyed themselves last Monday. The grounds have changed but little except that the surroundings are much improved. The patriotic addresses were wont to be made from the midst of the same bunch of Buttonwood trees, where the "pulpit" was built in, and so called by the boys of that day. There is now a large house upon the southerly slope of Buttonwood Knoll, at the base of which, in a little oak grove, the table of last Monday was erected and loaded with good things, and where over two hundred people sat down to dinner. Thirty years ago the ground here was mostly a marsh with tangled underwood, and the road leading to the Knoll rather a poor one.

In recent years, by the efforts of the late Albert Morris, the ground was drained and cleared of underbrush. The house, now occupied by Mr. Bowron, was formerly the country house of Mr. Henry Lindenmeyr, and it was moved from the hillside on the West, across the road to Buttonwood Knoll by Mr. Morris. This was done about ten years ago, when Mr. Lindenmeyr erected the new house that stands upon his beautiful grounds, overlooking what I now should call Broad street. This is due, since our Town Fathers have sent the "city water" up to that point, with the view, perhaps, of giving the Brookdale people something in the shape of a *quid pro quo* for their city grade of taxes.

I am almost a spouse or formerly extended to the road, but it is not so now. The picnic people of last Monday, upon reaching the knoll, could fast their eyes upon a charming little lake, with an isle, and a pretty boat, in which Mr. Lindenmeyr's young people were rowing about, the marsh lot having been purchased and so improved by that gentleman at much expense.

So much in the way of topographical changes, showing that the spirit of progress is making strides slowly but surely in the northern part of the township.

Now let me note personal changes that come to mind in contrasting the Family Picnic of a generation ago with that of the other day. Then it was a Morris family affair almost exclusively. Everybody of that name was there, with his brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles, and few there were besides. Young, middle-aged and old people met here on the Fourth, and made the most of the day, rain or shine. If a shower came up, we packed up and retreated to the old saw mill and continued the festivities there. I believe in those days "Copenhagen" was not in order, but young and old enjoyed, all the same, the speeches, the swings, the saunterings off into the woods and the meeting all together about the well-heaped table of refreshments beneath the trees. The ice cream was "home made" and *was* ice cream—no suspicion of glucose or other adulterant in its composition; and there was always enough of everything to go around several times if needed. There were then six separate Morris families, and it is sad to reflect that almost all of the older people, then in middle life or beyond, have passed away. There was at the picnic last Monday but one representative of that generation, Mrs. Emeline M. Hulin, and besides whom there were present only two heads of families of a generation later who still have their homes upon the land covered by the old grant of 1695 from the "Proprietors of East Jersey to John Morris, yeoman." These were Augustus T. and Joseph C. Morris.

S. M. H.

A Plea for the Elms.

To The Citizen:

The present method of treating the elm trees in Bloomfield bids fair to be a complete failure. The reason is because it is not followed up as it should be. Any one who will take the trouble may notice how readily the little maggots cross and recross the dried bands of printers' ink which was put on the bark some weeks ago.

It should now be renewed, either with the same application or with what I believe to be equally effectual and more readily obtained, viz.: a band of tar put completely around the trees above the ropes.

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W. H. WITZ.

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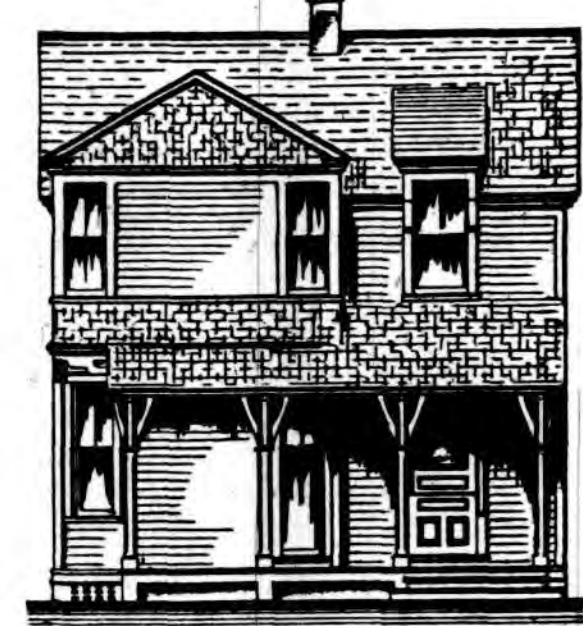
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